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PREACHER-SHEPHERD  
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**COMMENTARY CORNER: "I Will, Be Thou Clean"** "And it came to pass, when he was in a certain city, behold a man full of leprosy; who seeing Jesus fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. And he put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will, be thou clean. And immediately the leprosy departed from him" (Luke 5:12-13).

**J**esus offered more than any who would ever walk the earth. And not only did he have more to offer, he was also able to meet any need men and women might have had. There was nothing in life, no area of life, no aspect related to living for which Jesus had no answer or power. These truths should have been a source of comfort for the people of God, for the whole world.

It was not just that he had the greatest power and ability, Jesus was also willing to freely give to others. There is a difference in having abundant bread and willingness to give that bread. There is a difference in having power and a willingness to use that power to help others. There is a difference in having wisdom and being able to share that wisdom with those willing to hear. Jesus had great and incomparable abilities, power, and means. What makes him Savior is his willingness to share those things with the world.

Discouragement in the world results from so many people who have refused to be concerned about those who may have needs, even in their own families. We learn to live with rejection, disappointment, and discouragement. We live so long with this that it warps our relationships with others. We really do not expect others to have understanding, to have sympathy, to have compassion. The truth is that when we are dejected for so long, we lose hope. We feel vulnerable to the vicissitudes of life.

Vulnerability is a universal disposition. Many have had those moments when they felt that hope for deliverance was beyond them. Universally, all share an inner consciousness of despair. Who has not had those times when life seemed like

falling off a high cliff into an abyss of indiscernible despair? Life can be frustrating. It can be so frustrating that things we believed we would never do, we end up doing. We reach a point when we decide that whatever the consequences we must ask another for help.

When it comes to salvation, we do not have to reach such a frustration level. Jesus desires to do what he can for us. Yet many do not come to him until they reach moments of desperation. It is not desperation that is needed to come to the Lord, it is insight and truth. We should all acknowledge that our lives and destinies are not ultimately in our hands. Our present and future security are in the hands of God.

We live life, but life did not originate with men and women. We have yet to create life in laboratories and test tubes. We have treated diseases, but death will come still. Our destinies are determined by heaven's agenda. Our hands are not what will finally save us. Our hope is built on what Jesus is able to accomplish with his hands.

Let us remind ourselves that we are always safer in the hands of Jesus than we are in our own hands or the hands of others. A leper realized this one day as he was in the presence of Jesus. He speaks to some truths that should guide us today. He confesses that Jesus is the one who could make him clean (Luke 5:12).

Jesus was able to make the man clean. Jesus was able to make him whole. And Jesus was willing to do the same. Jesus responds, "I will, be thou clean." What we underscore in this encounter between Jesus and the leper is that God responds when we are willing to ask. And what we have noted to this point is that life treats

us in such a way that we are shy about asking. We show evidence of an unwillingness to ask in many spheres in life. This is sometimes because of stubbornness and at other times because of disappointment.

How many drivers remain lost for significant time because they refuse to ask for directions? How often do students take a bad grade because they are unwilling to ask for help? People go hungry because they do not want to ask others for bread. People will need to get from one point to another but refuse to ask someone for a ride. Even in families, spouses grow weary of asking things from each other. Children are afraid to ask parents for help. Disappointment is a strong deterrent to people asking for what they need in life.

The distrustful disposition is a learned one. Too many had to work up the nerve to ask another to do something only to be disappointed. Perhaps you remember that it took two weeks for you to ask your parents to do something and when you finally worked up enough nerve, it seemed like, with no thought at all, they denied your request and summarily dismissed you. You tried reasoning and pleading but to no avail. When one goes through a few of those episodes, one asks self, why one should even bother. We must be taught to expect different results when we ask Jesus.

The leper lived in a world where no friend, no family member, no religious person could help him. But there was something about Jesus. Unabashedly, yet humbly, the leper beseeches Jesus: "If thou wilt thou canst make me clean."

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2015 THEME: "IN ALL THINGS, EXAMPLES OF GOOD DEEDS" (TITUS 2:7)

## CHURCH LEADERS

**PREACHER-SHEPHERD**  
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.

**MINISTER EMERITUS**  
CLOYS R. CECIL, SR.

**SHEPHERDS**  
JEFFERSON R. CARUTHERS, JR.  
JOHN FOXWORTH  
LEROY NELSON  
WALTER WEATHERS, JR.

**ELDER EMERITUS**  
FRANK W. DULIN

**DEACONS**  
ROSCOE BURGESS  
MICHEAL CURRY  
JAMES E. GADSON  
GEORGE MCNAIR  
ROY OLIPHANT  
BERNARD TERRY  
JOE WILSON

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE DRIVE DAY



Help us reach our goal of **275** or more during our Sunday School Attendance Drive on December 20th at 9:00 a.m. We look forward to seeing you!



### Sympathy

Our Deepest Condolences to Bro. Simon Johnson and family in the loss of his sister. May God Continue to comfort your hearts in this time of bereavement.



**Honor Roll Recognition** will follow immediately after morning services. Job well done to all the students who made the list 1st quarter!



### Baptism

Welcome to our newest member of the Carver Rd. family! Bro. Robin Lyles baptized November 22, 2015. Let us continue to encourage him in this spiritual journey!

### Transfers

Join in as we welcome three additions to the Carver Rd Family! Sis. Sherry Johnson, Sis. Tionna Johnson and little Miss Isabella Perkins.

Membership placed on November 29, 2015. We are delighted you decided to make your new home in Christ with us!

## 2015 MEN'S RETREAT

DECEMBER 10TH – 12TH  
CARAWAY CONFERENCE CENTER  
4756 CARAWAY MOUNTAIN RD., SOPHIA, NC



Registration Information located in foyer.



## LOCAL GOSPEL MEETING/EVENTS

**Annual Brotherhood Meeting**-December 6th.

Thomas St. Church of Christ (3pm)  
700 W. Thomas St ,  
Salisbury NC

**Fall Revival**- December 6th—9th  
Sanford Church of Christ

2404 Hawkins Ave.  
Sanford, NC 27330

**Gospel Meeting** –December 11th –13th  
Eastside Church of Christ.

536 Barbara Jane Ave.  
Winston-Salem, NC 27101



### KURIAKOS HOUSE

Don't forget to visit the Kuriakos House table located in the foyer for events and happenings. You may contact sister Felecia Caruthers at (336)767-4201 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Welcome

**ALL VISITORS!  
YOU ARE OUR  
HONORED  
GUESTS!**

### Cornelius Corner:

The state of North Carolina offers various benefits to Veterans and their dependents. Be sure to visit the website for more information.

[www.milvets.nc.gov](http://www.milvets.nc.gov)

## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1st Indya Rucker, Dolly Warren; 2nd Annette Nichols, Christian Sides; 3rd Tamika Nelson; 4th Jada Thomas; 5th Eva Jones; 6th Janice Clinton; 7th Alinda Gadson; 11th Eric Nelson; 14th George Leak; 15th LeAngela Stewart; 16th Beverly Wallace; 17th David Rice; 19th Revonda Helms; 21st Aliyah Coplin; 22nd Sherry Burgess; 24th Malachi Downing, Edelina Oliphant; 26th Twana Roebuck; 28th Sherry Johnson; 29th Raymona Brown, David Ingram



## Clothing Bank Open House

December 13, 2015 following morning worship service. Come and walk through to see what is available.



## YOUTH NEWS

Redland Church of Christ **BIBLE BOWL**

(Ages 2-19) Sunday, December 13, 2015.



## NATIONAL EVENT

**National Lectureship**

(March 27-31, 2016), Memphis, TN  
Visit [www.nlcoc2016.com](http://www.nlcoc2016.com) for more information.



32 years– Jefferson & Felecia Caruthers  
17th 26 years-- Bernard & Mary Terry  
23rd 50 years– Larry & Annie Campbell  
26th

# PRAY THAT GOD LEADS US TO SOULS TO SAVE TODAY & THROUGH THIS WEEK

## OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN

Bro. Dwight Correll  
 Sis. Immogene Bray  
 Bro. Leroy Nelson  
 Bro. Barry Harper  
 Bro. Everette Jones  
 Sis. Dorothy Livingston

## RESPONSIVE READING

### Eph. 1:16-21

**READER:** Cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers;

**CHURCH:** That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:

**READER:** The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

**CHURCH:** And what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power

**READER:** Which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand in the heavenly places,

**UNISON:** Far above all principality, and power and might, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this world, but also in that which is to come:

### PRAYER

Father in heaven, we ask that we receive a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Christ. Enlighten the eyes of our understanding. In the name of Jesus, we pray, Amen.

## PRAYER REQUEST

Bro. Joseph Crim & Family, the McNair Family,  
 Bro. Everette Jones, Sis. Barbie Jones, Bro. Leroy Nelson, Sis. Lillie Nelson, Bro. Victor Baldwin, Bro. Barry Harper, Sis. Sandra Harper, Sis. Meika Sherrard, Bro. Charles Leak, Sr., Sis. Mary Hairston, Sis. Marleisha Young, Sis. Emma Westbrook, Sis. Willie M. Cherry, Bro. Doug Crim, Bro. Stanley King, Sis. Latesha Page, Bro. Robin Lyles, Sis. Alicia White, Bro. Jeff Patton, Sis. Louise Ellis, Bro. John Foxworth, Bro. L.B. Terry, Bro. Jasper Horton, Bro. Isiah Black, Sis. Sherry Pilson, Bro. Tim Pilson, Sis. Lenore Neal, Bro. Artis Rucker, Bro. Simon Johnson, Sis. Valerie Coplin, Sis. Ann Brown, Sis. Syietta Baldwin



## SHEPHERD ON CALL FOR DECEMBER

Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.  
 (336) 785-2520

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### 8:00 A.M.

SONG LEADER Roy Oliphant  
 SERMON *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*

### 10:00 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth  
 INVOCATION Jerry Evans  
 SONG DIRECTOR Adolphus Coplin  
 SCRIPTURE Cecil Oliver  
 RESPONSIVE Ron Jessup  
 PRAYER Joseph Wilson  
**SERMON** *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
 OFFERING Reginald Nichols  
 LORD'S SUPPER Thomas Loyd, Sr.  
 READER Howard Brown  
 CLOSING PRAYER Jarred Monroe  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

### 6:30 P.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS John Foxworth  
 INVOCATION Artis Rucker  
 SONG DIRECTOR Andrew Jackson  
 SCRIPTURE Bernard Wallace  
 RESPONSIVE READING Doug Crim  
 PRAYER Roy Oliphant  
**SERMON** *Jefferson R. Caruthers, Jr.*  
 OFFERING Harold Brown  
 LORD'S SUPPER Anthony Clinton  
 CLOSING PRAYER A. J. Crim  
 VISITATION PRESENTATION

## COMMUNION REFLECTION

(JOHN 6:10)

And Jesus said, **Make the men sit down.** Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, in number about five thousand.



## USHERS

Kolbe Adkins	Curtis Conner	Michael Terry
D. J. Crim	Braxton King	George Eichelberger
Tevin Loyd	Kwali Bunker	Harold Brown
Joseph Ford	Elijah Gibbs	Bernard Wallace

## EVENING USHERS

A. J. Crim Joshua Huey  
 DeAnthony Miles Jarred Monroe

## COMMENTARY CORNER

The leper understood that it was up to Jesus. And we must remember that if we want our futures, our possibilities, our desires in life in the hands of anyone, it should be Jesus. The leper does not come to force Jesus, or to make demands on Jesus. He simply asks that it be the will of Jesus. He knows the power of the thought, "your will be done."

More encouraging than the asking is the answer. Jesus says, "I will," and "be thou clean." After all the disappointments; after all the sleepless nights; after all the days of trying to discover when help would come; after all that parents, and children, and friends, and associates, and professionals

could not do, what is encouragement and hope is the realization of what Jesus can do. And not only what he can do, but what he is willing to do. Jesus says, "I will."

People refuse to hear you, to recognize you, to appreciate you? Jesus says, "I will." Professionals insist that there is no help for you, that they will not hear about your pain any longer? Jesus says, "I will." Friends ignore your plea, dismiss your cry, cannot see your need? Jesus says, "I will." Religious experts, philosophers, wise people do not give sound direction? Jesus says, "I will."

When a persons realizes that he cannot keep himself, maintain himself, or save himself; Jesus says, "I will."

There is again however something that

we must be willing to do. We need to be willing simply to ask. With all we face, we should have confidence enough to ask Jesus. With what we know about his power, his love, and his grace; we should be willing to ask Jesus. When we consider our frailties, our weaknesses, our mistakes, and our failures, we should be willing to ask Jesus.

Is there really any reason to continue with an inability to hear, with blindness, with disease, with leprosy, with pain, with disappointment, with despair, with hopelessness when we could simply ask Jesus?

Let us praise God for the faith of a leprous man who knew that if heaven said the same, he could be healed. Let us also be healed.

## SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

### SUNDAY

Early Morning Worship.....	8 A.M.
Bible School.....	9 A.M.
Morning Worship.....	10 A.M.
Evening Worship.....	6:30 P.M.

### WEDNESDAY-MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY

11 A.M. & 7 P.M.

### MENS' & LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

5 P.M. (2nd & 4th Sunday)  
(September-May)

### MEETINGS & MINISTRIES

Teachers' Meeting.....	9 A.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Clothing Bank.....	10 A.M.-12 P.M.
(1st Saturday)	
Youth Fellowship Meeting.....	10 A.M.
(2nd Saturday)	
Husbands & Fathers' Support Group...	10 A.M.
(3rd Saturday)	
Young Adult Ministry.....	6:30 P.M.
(4th Friday)	

**WORSHIP TO THE SICK & SHUT-IN FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER**  
Bernard Terry

## Radio Broadcast Stations

Sundays @ 7:30 A.M.  
Thursdays @ 2 P.M.  
1340 AM  
1400 AM  
103.5 FM



## YOU CAN BE SAVED TODAY!

To be saved today, you must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17; Acts 15:7). You must believe the gospel that assures us salvation through Jesus who is the risen Lord (Romans 10:9, 10). You must be willing to turn your life over to God through repentance (Acts 17:30; Romans 2:4). Those willing to live for God through repentance are ready for confession (Romans 10:9,10).

The person who confesses is baptized into Christ (Romans 6:3, 4; Galatians 3:27). In baptism, the believer is washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Corinthians 6:11). Christ saves the baptized person in baptism (1 Peter 3:21).

If you believe that Jesus died for you and was resurrected, if you will repent and confess, then you can be baptized into Christ and be saved. Come to Jesus today!

## CHILDRENS' WORSHIP

6th	Valeria Ford & Centrece Kendall
13th	Valeria Ford & Centrece Kendall
20th	Tamah & D' Asia Williams
27th	Leah Adkins & TBA

## NURSERY DUTY

6th	Leah Adkins & Ruby Reaves
13th	Edelina Oliphant & Maegan Gomez
20th	Sherry Woods & Sydney Johnson
27th	Tamah & D' Asia Williams

## DECEMBER GREETERS

6th	Renee' Eccles Mary Terry
13th	Rosalyn Evans Ashley George
20th	Tonya Oliphant Alaqua Howell
27th	Veronica Black Alicia Latten

## COMMUNION PREPARERS

Marcella & Centrece Kendall



## BAPTISMAL COMMITTEE

Diane Foxworth  
Diane Robinson  
Wendy Thomas

## BAPTISMAL TEAM

Bro. Anthony Clinton  
Bro. Thomas Loyd, Sr.  
Bro. George McNair  
Bro. Walter Weathers, Jr.



## ZONES

ZONE #1	Capt. Bro. J. Wilson (661-1312)
ZONE #4	Co-Capt. Bro. B. Terry (720-9694)
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